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*T/N FROM NOW ON, THE "SHA LUO KINGDOM" WILL BE REFERED TO AS "MALAYSIA"

PREVIOUSLY...

TO STOP JUANJUAN'S ARRANGED MARRIAGE TO THE KING OF MALAYSIA*, HAIER KIDNAPPED JUANJUAN TO NING CITADEL. HOWEVER, JUANJUAN FELL IN LOVE WITH NING SHENG, AND CAUSED AN UPROAR IN NING CITADEL.

AT THE SAME TIME, HAIER FINALLY CONFESSED HER FEELINGS TO SHAO ZHIXUN WHO WAS ATTEMPTING TO SAVE HIS SISTER JUANJUAN... AND MICHAEL REVEALED TO HAIER THAT HIS TRUE REASON FOR JOINING NING CITADEL IS TO MARRY HER!

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HAIER'S FATHER A PIRATE IN THE SOUTHERN SEA WHOSE AMBITION IS TO BE AN INDEPENDENT RULER. HE DEEPLY LOVES HAIER'S MOTHER, MIU YING

NING SHENG

SHAO ZHIXUN'S YOUNGER SISTER ORIGINALLY SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO MARRY INTO MALAYSIA, BUT HAIER ABDUCTED HER TO NING CITADEL

SHAO JUANJUAN

MOLDAVIA
AUSTRIA
A MAIDEN WHO CAME TO CHINA WITH MICHAEL. SHE DRESSES UP AS A BOY FOR HER SAFETY
ROY
THE FEMALE PROTAGONIST. SHE IS AN ACTIVE AND ADORABLE MAIDEN FROM THE SOUTHERN SEA. SHE FELL IN LOVE WITH SHAO ZHIXUN, WHO CAME TO THIS REGION TO ERADICATE PIRACY.
NING HAIER
A WESTERNER WHO WAS ACCOMPANYING A SPANISH SHIP. HE JOINED NING CITADEL FOR UNSPECIFIED REASONS. HE IS A BRILLIANT MERCHANT WITH A SHARP MIND AND AN ADMIRABLE DREAM.
MICHAEL
HE CAME TO THE SOUTHERN SEA TO END PIRACY FOR THE MING EMPIRE AND CHOOSES NING CITADEL AS HIS PRIMARY OBSTACLE TO THIS CAUSE. HOWEVER, HE IS VERY TROUBLED DUE TO HIS FEELINGS FOR HAIER.
SHAO ZHIXUN
Sea
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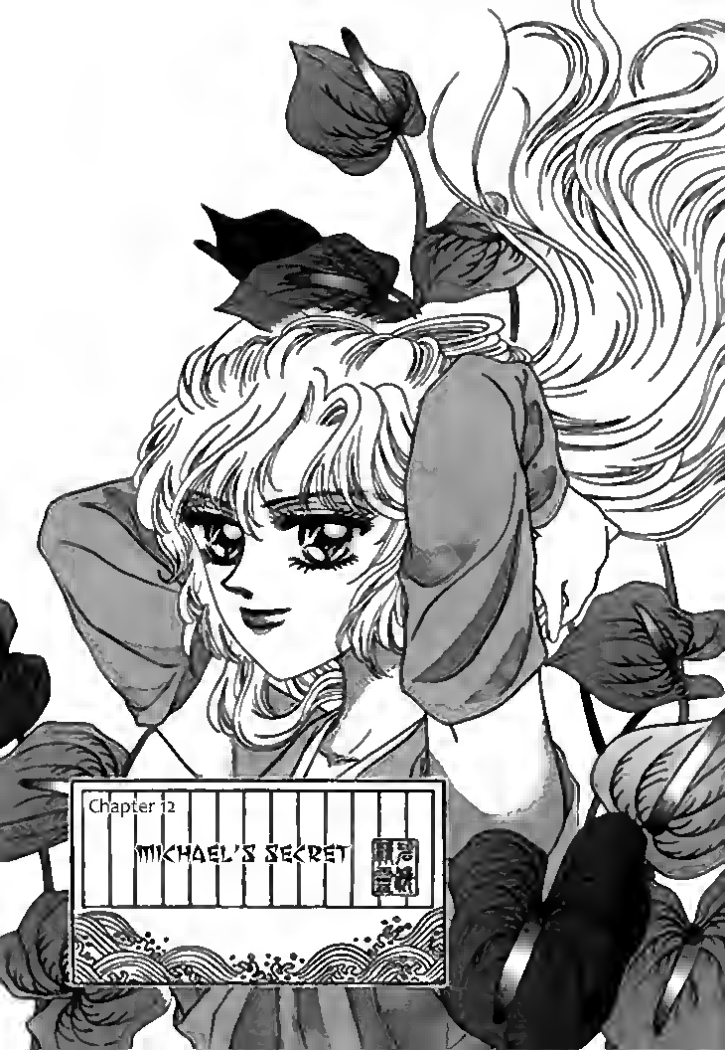
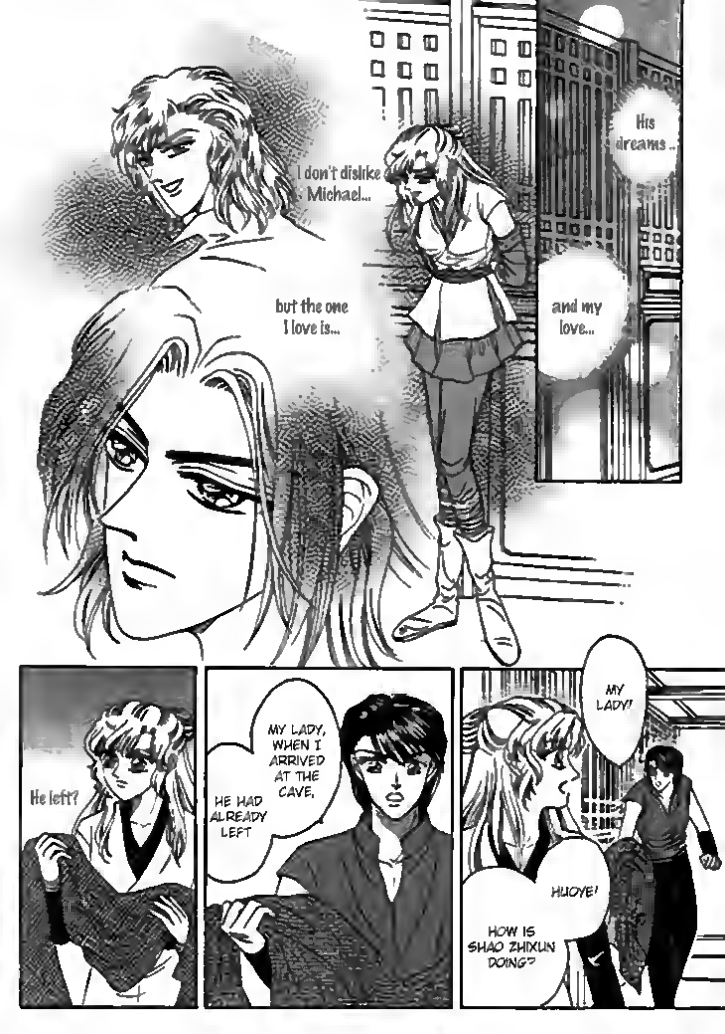

Chapter 12
MICHAEL'S SECRET

The reason why Michael joined Ning Citadel...
is for me...?!
WHAT YOUR FATHER MEANT WAS
IF I CAN HELP HIM WIN SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE SOUTHERN SEA...
THEN I MAY TAKE ITS EMPRESS MY BRIDE.

As.. as his bride?!
YOU..
MUST HAVE MISHEARD!
AND HOW CAN YOU AGREE TO IT!
YOU ALREADY HAVE A..
I ALREADY JOINED NING CITADEL
DID YOU THINK THAT I WAS JOKING?
Michael...
What Father really meant was..
FATHER!

WHY?
AS LONG AS MICHAEL JOINS NING CITADEL
I WILL LET HIM MARRY YOU
THAT'S RIGHT.
MICHAEL IS FLUENT IN CHINESE AND MANY OTHER LANGUAGES,
HE HAS A MERCHANT'S CALCULATING MIND AS WELL AS MANY TALENTS WHEN DEALING WITH MEN
WE WILL CERTAINLY BENEFIT GREATLY FROM HIM JOINING US
WHO?
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO BETROTH ME TO HIM THOUGH!
HE ALREADY HAS ROY!
AND I HAVE A PERSON I LIKE TOO!

THROUGH HIM, WE WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE AID FROM THE WESTERN WORLD.
HAIER...
I CAN TELL THAT...MICHAEL IS A RARE AND AN EXTREMELY BRILLIANT LEADER
HE HAS TO BE YOUR HUSBAND.
IN ORDER FOR HIM TO BECOME NING CITADEL'S LEGITIMATE LEADER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
FATHER... IS THIS ALSO A PART OF YOUR DREAM?
EXACTLY.
I CANNOT BE WITH THE ONE I LOVE?
BECAUSE OF YOUR DESIRE TO BECOME KING...


I don't dislike Michael...
but the one I love is...
His dreams...
and my love...
He left?
MY LADY, WHEN I ARRIVED AT THE CAVE,
HE HAD ALREADY LEFT
MY LADY!
HUOYE!
HOW IS SHAO ZHIXUN DOING?

then why did you say those stirring words to me?
Why...
When I confessed my feelings to you ..
If you don't care about me...
Shao Zhixun...
So in the end, you still didn't say goodbye to me...
And also... at that time...
What exactly were your feelings like?!

FOR REAL?
YOU
ARE GIVING SUCH A BEAUTIFUL BOW TO ME?
I PERSONALLY SELECTED IT.
IT REALLY SUITS YOU
THANK THANK YOU, UNCLE TIGER.
Uncle Tiger... still spoils me a lot...
I must have imagined his intent to kill me that time!
DID YOU FIND ANYTHING ELSE WITH ANGELS ON THEM. WHAT'S THIS?
THIS IS THE ROGUE THAT MISS SHAO REQUESTED.
Rogue... powder? JuanJuan requested it?

JUAN-JUAN!
YOU DON'T NEED TO DRESS UP HERE!
THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING THEM FOR ME
I HOPE TO BEAUTIFY MYSELF A LITTLE MORE
EH?
BUT YOUR FATHER'S BIRTHDAY IS TOMORROW!
EVERY GIRL HAS SUCH DESIRE
WHEN SHE IS IN FRONT OF THE ONE SHE LIKES!
JEWELRIES? YOU MEAN NECKLACES AND EARRINGS?
I HAVE THEM!
BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY JEWELRIES...
The desire to be beautiful in front of her attractions...

THESE ARE THE LOOTS THAT WE HAVEN'T SOLD YET.
CHOOSE ANYTHING YOU LIKE!
SO BEAUTIFUL!
WOW!
THIS MUCH...
Juan-Juan... is adorning herself for the one she likes...
HAIER, THIS IS SO GORGEOUS!
Tomorrow .. is Father's birthday..
To me, such things are merely silver and gold...
This is probably worth ten silvers!
So... these are what girls use to decorate themselves with.. I completely forgot..

CHEERS!
CHEERS!
I WISH YOU LONGEVITY AND PROSPERITY, LEADER!
WHY DON'T I SEE HAIER?
FATHER!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FATHER!
I WISH YOU A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE!
Silence.
WAHA-HAHA!
YOU ARE REALLY AMUSING TODAY! YOU WANT TO HUMOR EVERYBODY ON THIS SPECIAL OCCASION!
THIS IS TOO FUNNY!
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HAHAHA! THAT'S RIGHT!
DON'T I LOOK FOOLISH IN THIS COSTUME?
It's hilarious..
Hahaa!
THIS WAY, EVERYONE CAN DRINK SEVERAL MORE CUPS OUT OF AMUSEMENT!
Hahaa!
Come! Drink more!
Thanks my lady!

MICHAEL!
HAIER!
ISN'T IT LIVELY!
EVERYONE IS SO HAPPY!
IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YOU ARE SULLEN!
PERHAPS SUCH THINGS DO NOT FIT ME!
EVEN THIS TYPE OF CLOTHING IS ALSO
FUNNY
I JUST WANT TO BE AN ORDINARY MAIDEN, BUT EVERYONE FINDS IT SO VERY
HAHA! HOW CAN THAT BE!

Michael..?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IT IS BEAUTIFUL ON YOU!
IN MY EYES...
EVEN WITHOUT THESE ORNAMENTS...
YOU ARE STILL A VERY ELEGANT LADY.

I AM NOT YOUR LOVER!
YOU HAVE ROY ALREADY!
IS THIS THE CHINESE PROVERB THAT SAYS
XISHI* ALWAYS LIES IN THE LOVER'S EYES?
Don't touch me!
ROY?
T/N: XISHI IS ONE OF THE FOUR ANCIENT CHINESE BEAUTIES. THIS PHRASE MEANS THAT ALL WOMEN APPEAR BEAUTIFUL TO THEIR LOVERS.
I... I SAW IT ALL.
YOU AND ROY... WERE KISSING...
I ALSO KISSED YOU!
WE...
DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP
Not that kind of relationship?
This guy...

DANCE?
YOU MUST BE JOKING!
IT'S SIMPLE!
MICHAEL!
COME!
MY EASTERN PRINCESS,
DANCE WITH ME!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

my heart still feels very gentle and warm.
how strange
even without any accessories or makeup...
I feel like a true lady.
in front of Michael.

Why...
Michael...
MICHAEL...
did he still agree to Father's terms and join us?
Does he not know to use his talents?
DO THE WESTERNERS ALSO EMBRACE EACH OTHER WHEN THEY DANCE?
HOW IS IT? SIMPLE RIGHT?
JUST FORGET IT!
I AM WEARING SUCH A LONG UNFAMILIAR DRESS... I CAN EASILY FALL...
WAAA~
DOWN...!

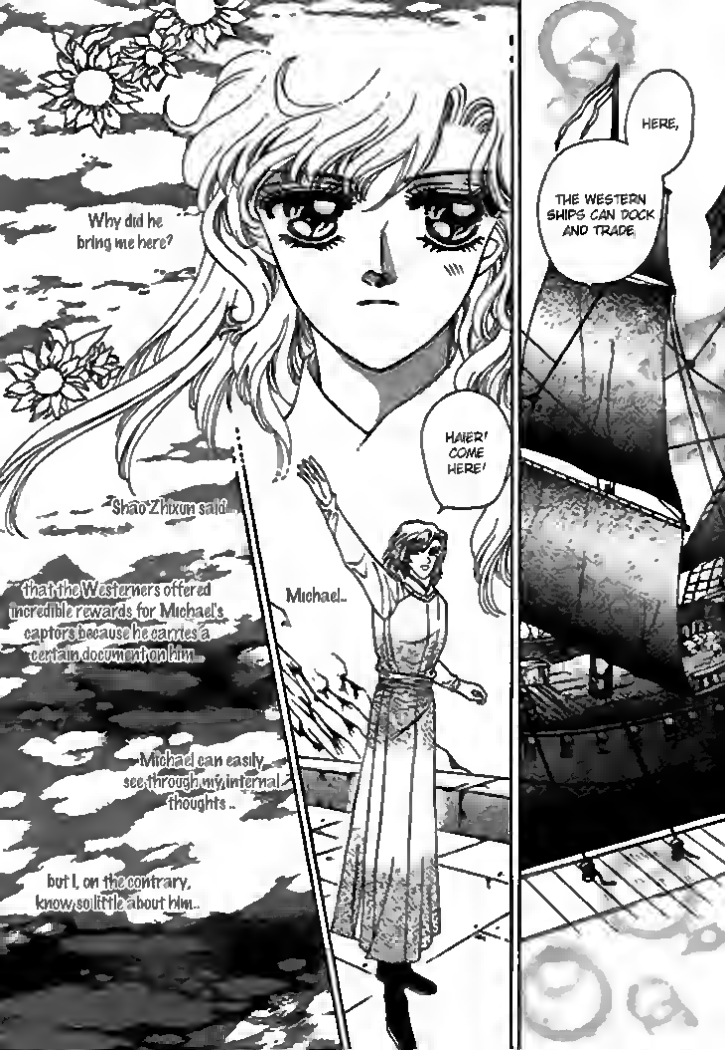
COUGH COUGH!
HAHA!
HAHAHA!
EH?
YOU FINALLY REVEALED YOUR SMILE
MY USUAL KING HAIER'S SMILE

YOU HAVE FALLEN INTO A FORBIDDEN LOVE WITH THAT SHAO ZHIXUN...
SO YOUR SMILE CARRIES A STRAND OF MELANCHOLY!
PERHAPS IT IS BECAUSE...
Michael. he... knows...!

I LOVE YOU FOR THE WAY YOU ARE
IT IS NOT BECAUSE I AM FRIGHTENING BUT BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO CONCEAL YOUR THOUGHTS
MICHAEL YOU ARE TERRIFYING
I CAN'T SEEM TO HIDE ANYTHING FROM YOU
THEREFORE
CONSIDER ME AS WELL!

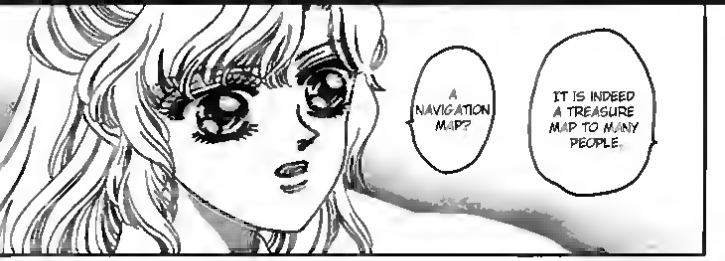
Michael..
Yet he is still serious about his love for me as always.
He clearly knows that I love someone else...
I WILL TELL YOU
THE REASON FOR MY STAY AT NING CITADEL..
HAIER,
ACCOMPANY ME TO THE DOCKS..

LOOK, HAJER!
THIS IS WHERE THE EUROPEAN SHIPS CONGREGATE.


Why did he bring me here?
Shao Zhixun said...
that the Westerners offered incredible rewards for Michael's captors because he carries a certain document on him...
Michael can easily see through my internal thoughts...
but I, on the contrary, know so little about him...
Michael...
HAIER! COME HERE!
HERE, THE WESTERN SHIPS CAN DOCK AND TRADE

EVERYONE SEES CHINA AS A SURREAL EMPIRE,
AND EVERYONE WANTS TO MONOPOLIZE THIS LAND.
BUT WITHIN THESE NATIONS LIE INCONCEIVABLE STRENGTH!
PERHAPS YOU CHINESE VIEW US AS WESTERN BARBARIANS.
THESE SHIPS COME FROM DIFFERENT PLACES,
INCLUDING SPAIN, PORTUGAL,
AND HOLLAND
HOWEVER, I DISAGREE.
I BELIEVE THAT WHOEVER ARRIVES HERE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONDUCT BUSINESS HERE.
THEREFORE I TOOK AWAY AN IMPORTANT ITEM WITH ME...
WELL
SOMETHING LIKE THAT
Excited
IS IT A TREASURE MAP?

WHAT I STOLE
IS THE LATEST...
NAVIGATION MAP TO CHINA.


A NAVIGATION MAP?
IT IS INDEED A TREASURE MAP TO MANY PEOPLE.

NAVIGATION MAPS ARE TOP NATIONAL SECRETS
ONCE THEY LEAK OUT MANY OF THE TRADING SITES WILL BE INVADED BY ENEMY NATIONS
THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR THE NEWER MAPS
BECAUSE THEY LABEL MANY UNKNOWN ISLANDS AND FASTER SEA ROUTES
THEREFORE...
THEY OFFERED AN IMPRESSIVE AMOUNT TO CAPTURE YOU...
I STOLE THE MAP FROM ENGLAND AND SOUGHT REFUGE IN SPAIN
SOON, HOWEVER, I OFFENDED SPAIN BECAUSE I WAS UNWILLING TO HAND OVER THE MAP...
SO I CAME TO NING CITADEL
DOES THIS MEAN...
THAT YOU ARE ONLY TEMPORARILY STAYING AT NING CITADEL?

YOUR FACIAL EXPRESSION SAYS...
"MICHAEL DOESN'T SERIOUSLY WANT TO MARRY ME"
ISN'T IT TRUE THOUGH?
YOU DREAM TO BECOME A SUCCESSFUL MERCHANT ON THE SEA.
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO REMAIN AT NING CITADEL VERY LONG!
PERHAPS I WON'T STAY AT NING CITADEL FOREVER,
BUT I SERIOUSLY WANT TO TAKE YOU AS MY BRIDE.
I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT... THAT ALL CHINESE GIRLS' MARRIAGES ARE ARRANGED BY THEIR PARENTS.
REST ASSURED! I WON'T FORCE YOU INTO IT, BUT I ALSO WON'T GIVE UP.
MICHAEL... THE PERSON WHOM I TRULY LOVE IS NOT YOU...

Michael...
is like a migratory bird... Ning Citadel can only be his temporary rest stop.
COME!
I WILL SHOW YOU THE OTHER EUROPEAN SHIPS
THE SEA IS MUCH MORE IMMENSE THAN YOU THINK
I KNOW...
THAT WITH YOU BY MY SIDE...
WE CAN TRAVEL ANYWHERE THAT THE SEA CAN REACH
I WANT TO TELL YOU THIS THOUGH, HAIER...
I WON'T LOSE TO SHAO ZHIXUN
I KNOW

NING CITADEL--
MY LADY!
THE NAVY IS INVADING OUR ISLAND!
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHY IS EVERYONE RUSH?
The navy?

THEY WERE ABLE TO DIRECTLY PENETRATE OUR EXTERNAL DEFENSE.
IF IT WERE A LARGER FLEET, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TERRIFYING!
EVEN THOUGH THERE AREN'T MANY INFILTRATIONS...
AND WE HAVE ALREADY KEPT THEM UNDER OUR CONTROL.
THE UNEVEN FOREST PATHS IN THE BACK OF THIS ISLAND MAKE UP A LABYRINTH.
WHY IS THIS INVASION SO SUCCESSFUL?
THEY ARE THIS FAST BECAUSE THEY FOLLOWED THE YELLOW TRAIL MARKERS
IT SEEMS THAT A PERSON AMONGST THEM KNOWS THE MEANING OF THE YELLOW TRAIL MARKERS
The yellow trail markers...

ARE YOU IMPLYING THAT SOMEONE DISCLOSED THIS SECRET?
...
...
NO...
I WAS ONLY HYPOTHESIZING
PASS ON THIS ORDER! CHANGE THE MARKERS!
STRENGTHEN OUR VIGILANCE!

"Only the yellow ones are correct. The rest is used as decoys."
It's Shao Zhixun..
They were sent by Shao Zhixun..
And I revealed the secret!

"I may even act earlier for Juan-Juan's sake..."
No..
I don't believe it!
HUOYE!
SHUIYUN!
I have to question him myself!
MY LADY?
HUOYE AND SHUIYUN! FOLLOW ME!

Found it.
Seven years ago...
Ning Citadel accepted the empire's annexation...
However this decision was revoked at the last moment, which resulted in the negotiation's failure..
And the envoy who was responsible for this was...
MY LORD! URGENT NEWS!

THE SOUTHEAST NAVY UNIT?
THE SOUTHEAST NAVY UNIT SCOUTED THE EXACT LOCATION OF NING CITADEL,
AND HAS ALREADY INFILTRATED THE ISLAND!
I DIDN'T GIVE THIS ORDER
EH?
WHAT IS THIS?
DID THEY DARE TO ACT ON THEIR OWN?
THIS IS MY GIFT FOR YOU.
DO YOU LIKE IT?

IT HAS BEEN A WHILE ZHIXUN
MENTOR?
GENERAL HUA?!

MENTOR...
WHY HAVE YOU COME...
TO INVESTIGATE ON WHY...
MY FAVORITE PUPIL HAS STAYED IN THE SOUTHERN SEA REGION FOR SO LONG
WHAT IS SO DIFFICULT...
ABOUT THIS INSIGNIFICANT NING CITADEL?
I FEEL THAT...
THERE MAY BE ALTERNATIVE METHODS SUCH AS ANNEXATION...
PERHAPS THIS CAN REDUCE THE CASUALTIES ON BOTH SIDES
"PERHAPS"?
SINCE WHEN DID YOU LEARN TO SAY "PERHAPS"?

ZHIXUN...
YOU ARE MY MOST BELOVED PUPIL.
I HAVE ALWAYS SINCERELY WANTED YOU TO SURPASS EVERYONE ELSE...
BUT YOUR DANGEROUS MIND REALLY WORRIES ME
LAST TIME YOU ALMOST DESTROYED YOUR BRIGHT FUTURE FOR YOUR SISTER'S SAKE...
IT WAS MOST DIFFICULT FOR ME TO ELIMINATE THE OBSTACLES WITHIN YOUR HEART, AND TO HELP YOU KEEP YOUR CURRENT POSITION, NOT TO MENTION MISS SHAO'S SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENT.
AND THAT IS BECAUSE YOU SERVE THE EMPIRE!
ALL PIRATES MUST BE DESTROYED!
NING CITADEL IS A PIRATE DEN!

DOES YOUR HEART...
HAVE ANOTHER OBSTACLE INSIDE?
..Obstacle..

LET ME OPEN THE DOOR
THIS SHOULD BE SHAO ZHIXUN'S RESIDENCE
SHUIYUN!

FOOLISH MICE...
LET HER GO!
WHO ARE YOU?!

Eh?
HAHA...
ARE YOU NING SHENG'S DAUGHTER?
knows me...
He...
Who could he be...?

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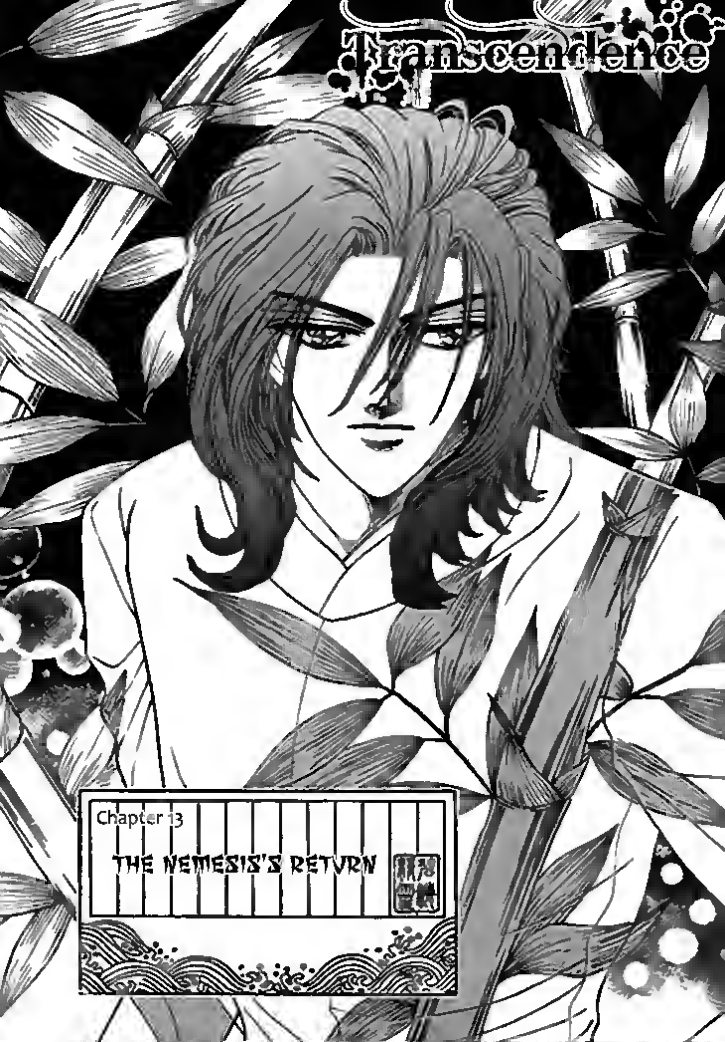
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THE NEMESIS'S RETURN

YOU LOOK VERY MUCH LIKE NING SHENG AND YOUR MOTHER, MIU YING...
IT'S ONLY BEEN SEVERAL YEARS... AND YOU HAVE GROWN SO MUCH
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!

I AM AN OLD FRIEND OF YOUR FATHER.
YOUR DECAPITATED HEAD...
WILL BE MY BEST REUNION GIFT FOR HIM!
What?
AH!

He caught my blades with his bare hands?!
HOW WEAK...

HUOYE!
YOU...
HUOYE!

HMPH .

MY LADY, LEAVE!
Such strength!
LET GO OF ME!
UGH...
LET GO!

SHUIYUN!
You have really infuriated me!
YOU...
STRANGE OLD BASTARD...

DO YOU STILL NOT UNDERSTAND?

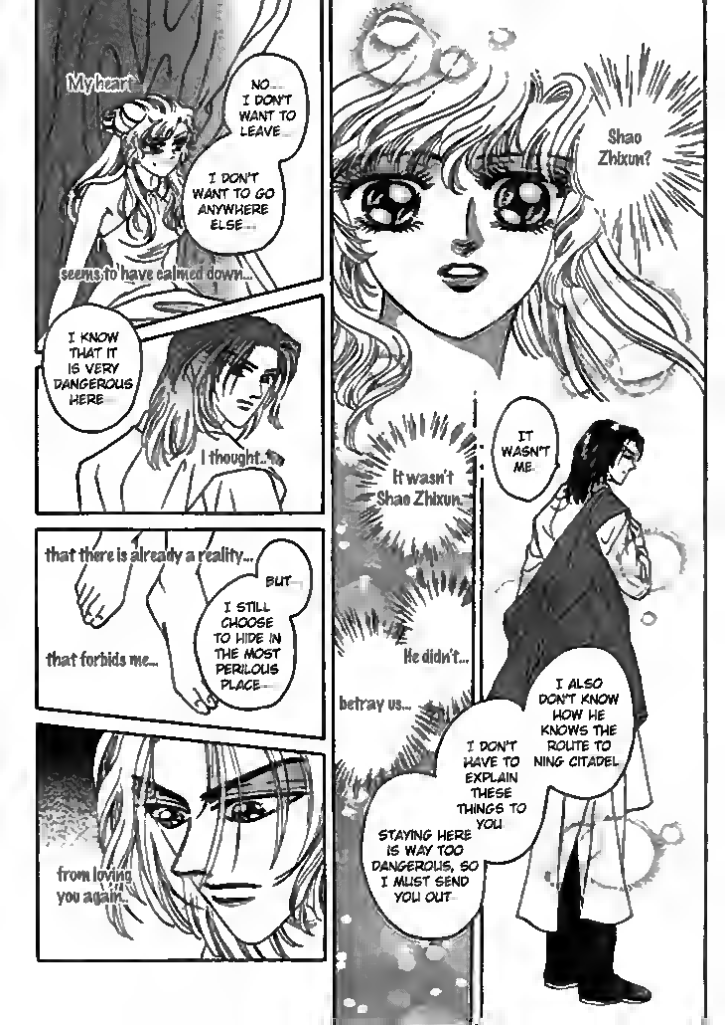
Shao Zhixun?
I..
KEXU, IMPRISON HER!
LET ME GO!
WHO ARE YOU?
HOW DARE YOU BREAK INTO A GENERAL'S RESIDENCE!
MEN-TOR
PLEASE EXCUSE MY CARELESS-NESS
DO YOU REALLY NOT KNOW WHO SHE IS?
I WILL INVESTIGATE THIS THOROUGHLY

YA!
IT'S ME.

DON'T TALK.
LORD SHAO
DIDN'T I ORDER THAT NO ONE IS ALLOWED INTO MY BEDCHAMBER?
GENERAL HUA WANTS ME TO PASS A MESSAGE TO YOU.
PLEASE EXCUSE OUR INTRUSION.
LORD SHAO,
DO I SEEM TO HEAR A LADY'S VOICE?
I KNOW PLEASE LEAVE!
I BELIEVE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT TOO.
SHE IS ON A DEATH PENALTY
HE WANTS TO SPECIFICALLY REMIND YOU THAT YOU SHOULD GUARD THAT FEMALE ASSASSIN WITH THE GREATEST CARE.

DO YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THAT?
YOU HAVE FRIGHTENED MY BEAUTIFUL LOVER.
I didn't think that Lord Shaq would also...
HAHA! I SEE. I HAVE BEEN VERY RUDE.
GOODBYE!

WHO ARE THEY?
THEY ARE MY MENTOR'S STUDENT GENERALS,
THEY FOLLOWED HIM TO ASSIST ME IN ERADICATING PIRACY.
SINCE YOU ARE AWAKE... YOU CAN APPLY MEDICINE ON YOURSELF
THE MEDICINE AND CLOTHES ARE NEXT TO YOU.
SO YOU HAVE BETRAYED US!
DID YOU TELL HIM ABOUT THE YELLOW TRAIL MARKERS?
I DID NOT
IF HE USED A LITTLE MORE STRENGTH,
THE BONES ON YOUR SHOULDER WOULD HAVE BEEN BROKEN


My heart
NO... I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE...
I DON'T WANT TO GO ANYWHERE ELSE...
seems to have calmed down...
I KNOW THAT IT IS VERY DANGEROUS HERE...
I thought...
that there is already a reality...
BUT I STILL CHOOSE TO HIDE IN THE MOST PERILOUS PLACE...
that forbids me...
from loving you again...
Shao Zhixun?
IT WASN'T ME...
It wasn't Shao Zhixun...
He didn't...
betray us...
I ALSO DON'T KNOW HOW HE KNOWS THE ROUTE TO NING CITADEL
I DON'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN THESE THINGS TO YOU
STAYING HERE IS WAY TOO DANGEROUS, SO I MUST SEND YOU OUT

PERHAPS NO OTHER PLACE IS MORE DANGEROUS
THAN THE EMBRACE OF MY SO-CALLED ENEMY...
BUT OTHER THAN HERE, I DON'T WANT TO GO ANYWHERE ELSE
I CAME BECAUSE I WANT TO SEE YOU...
SO... ALLOW ME TO STAY...
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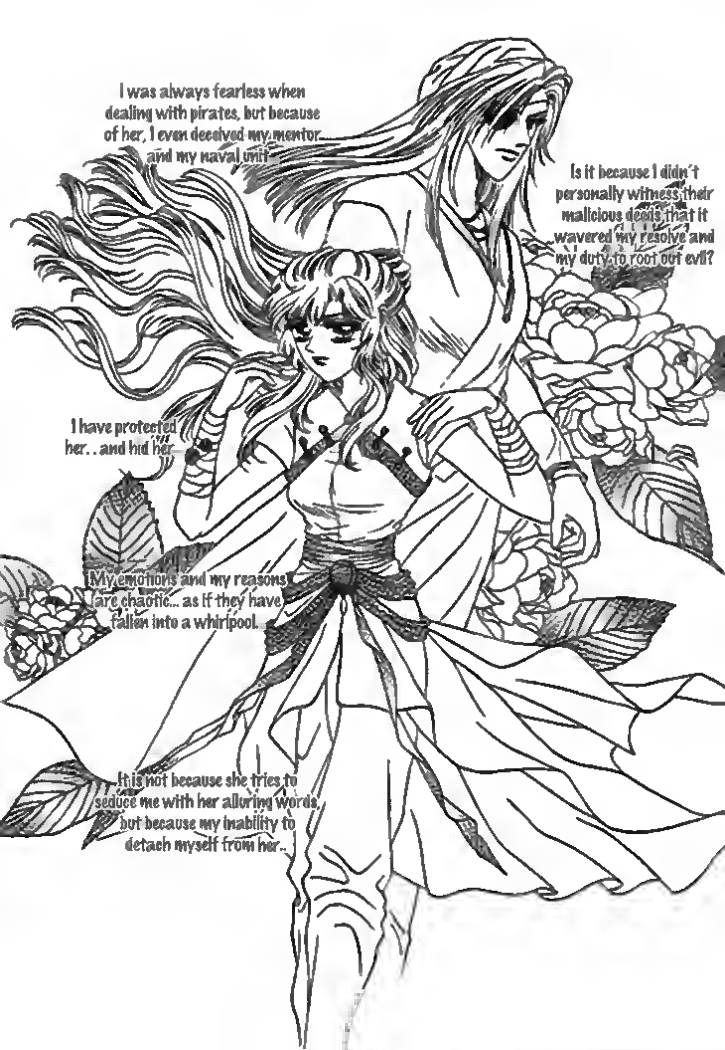
THEY...
SHOULDN'T RETURN BEFORE DAYBREAK.
SO REST EASY!
I WILL...
STAY HERE AND ACCOMPANY YOU
WILL YOU...
LEAVE ME WITHOUT A WORD AGAIN?

Didn't I always believe so?
All pirates must be destroyed!
Especially Ning Citadel... these pirates' goal is secession... there is no reason not to destroy them...
But now... I am unable to perform my duty on it again and again...


I was always fearless when dealing with pirates, but because of her, I even deceived my mentor and my naval unit.
Is it because I didn't personally witness their malicious deeds that it wavered my resolve and my duty to root out evil?
I have protected her... and hid her.
My emotions and my reasons are chaotic... as if they have fallen into a whirlpool.
It is not because she tries to seduce me with her alluring words, but because my inability to detach myself from her...

It seems... that all of my coldness has melted...
yet so very lost at what to do..
So very warm...

The heart's obstacle...

HUOYE!
SHUIYUN?!
!
HUOYE...
SHE IS SEVERELY INJURED...
WHERE IS HAIER?

Hale!
WE... MET A FRIGHTENINGLY BRUTAL MAN...
SHE...
WAS PROBABLY CAPTURED BY HIM...

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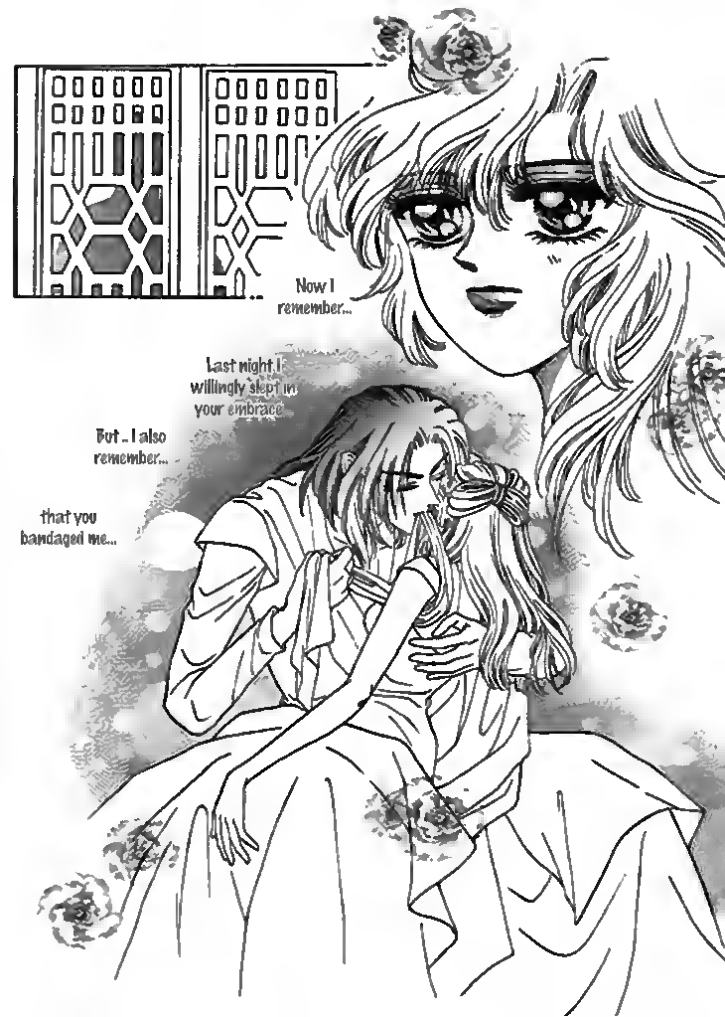
SHAO ZHIXUN?

Did he put ointment on me?
NO
YOU'RE AWAKE?
DOES YOUR WOUND STILL HURT?
WONDER-FUL
SHAO ZHIXUN?
I AM GOING OUTSIDE
TO SEND YOU AWAY
I MUST FIGURE OUT A WAY


Now I remember...
Last night I willingly slept in your embrace...
But .. I also remember...
that you bandaged me...

Eh?
I wonder how Huoye and Shuiyun are doing...
This is my Crescent Blade..
Shao Zhixun kept it in here?

HAIER!
MICHAEL...
I DON'T WANT TO...
MICHAEL?
YOU'RE OKAY! THIS IS GREAT!
HURRY, AND LEAVE WITH ME!
HAIER?!

HAIER!
DO YOU KNOW HOW DANGEROUS IT IS TO STAY HERE?
I'M NOT AFRAID!
I CAME HERE BECAUSE I WANTED TO SEE SHAO ZHIXUN!
BE QUIET, OR WE WILL BE DISCOVERED
UNCLE TIGER IS WAITING FOR US OUTSIDE
MICHAEL!

DO YOU SEE THAT?
IS THAT THE FOREIGNER?
HURRY!
HE HAS THE MAP THAT WE SEEK
HIS NAME IS MICHAEL
SO HE'S HIDING IN NING CITADEL...
WHAT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!

HAIER!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO NOT ACT WITHOUT MY PERMISSION
SINCE WHEN DID YOU STOP LISTENING TO MY ORDERS?!

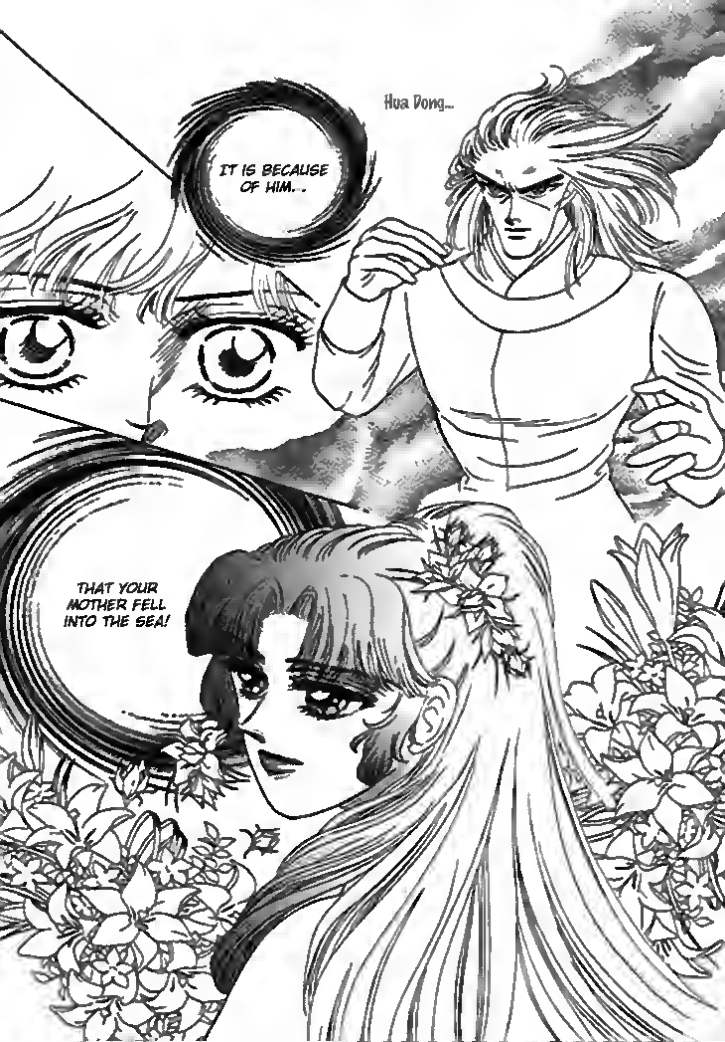
AND...
BUT IT ALSO ALMOST LED TO YOUR OWN DEATH!
REGARDLESS OF YOUR INTENTIONS... SUCH RECKLESSNESS NOT ONLY INVOLVED OTHERS...
DO YOU KNOW WHOM YOU HAVE MET?

THERE IS NO NEED TO EXPLAIN, ZHIXUN.
I DON'T MIND THOSE TRIFLE YOUTHS' ESCAPING
BECAUSE I WILL FACE THEM AGAIN EVENTUALLY.
COME!
I AM BRINGING YOU TO SEE SOMETHING.

THIS IS...
THIS IS A WARSHIP THAT CAN [illegible] THE SEA.

THE FLEETING MIRAGE IN COMPARISON IS BUT A SMALL SAILING BOAT.
SACKING NING CITADEL WITH THIS SHIP WILL BE SHORT AND SWEET!
...BUT...
I HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT THE WATER ROUTE TO REACH NING CITADEL.
I DON'T NEED YOU TO LEAD.
I ALREADY KNOW HOW TO SAIL TO NING CITADEL.
MENTOR?
WHY ARE YOU SO SURPRISED?
DIDN'T YOU RESEARCH THAT THE AMBASSADOR SENT TO NING CITADEL SEVEN YEARS AGO...
HUA DONG
WAS ME—

HUA DONG?
HE WAS THE ONE WHO BETRAYED US SEVEN YEARS AGO
AND CAUSED GREAT DAMAGE TO NING CITADEL
HE ALSO...
KILLED YOUR MOTHER!


Hua Dong...
IT IS BECAUSE OF HIM..
THAT YOUR MOTHER FELL INTO THE SEA!

HUOYE...
SHUIYUN...
I AM FINE.
DON'T WORRY... MY LADY?
I...
have brought calamity to you both...

HAIER...
THERE IS TRUE LOVE BETWEEN YOU AND SHAO ZHIXUN...
YOU ARE NOT THE ONLY MISERABLE ONE...
SHAO ZHIXUN MUST BE SUFFERING TOO...
REALLY?
REALLY...
SO...
I REALLY CAN'T LOVE SHAO ZHIXUN...
I REALLY SHOULD END MY FEELINGS FOR HIM...
BUT...
I REALLY WANT TO SEE HIM...
AND BE WITH HIM...
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If it is true love...
then the suffering...
will not be merely between the two of you...

MY LADY!
WE FOUND WARSHIPS IN THE DISTANCE!
SEND SOMEONE TO INFORM FATHER!
SIR NING AND SIR TIGER HAVE GONE TO ANOTHER ISLAND,
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT!
THOSE SHIPS' SPEED ARE EXTRAORDINARY, AND THEY ARE ALMOST UPON US!
WHAT?

WHAT... IS THAT?
SUCH AN IMMENSE WARSHIP...
MY LADY! HUA DONG'S SYMBOL IS DISPLAYED ON THE FLAG!

Hua Dong!
He...
can even attack Ning Citadel!
DAMN IT...
LET'S SEEK REVENGE FOR BOTH THE OLD AND THE NEW INJUSTICES!

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Chapter 14
THE GREAT NAVAL BATTLE

WHAT KIND OF WARSHIP IS THAT?
IT'S TWICE AS LARGE AS THE FLEETING MIRAGE,
AND IT HAS SUCH AN IMPRESSIVE SPEED...
THERE ARE OTHER WARSHIPS BEHIND IT TOO...
How can we fight them?
MY LADY...
WE HAVE FOUR SHIPS OUT HUNTING.
OUR LEFT AND RIGHT DEFENSE TOWERS ARE UNDER REPAIR...
SIR NING AND SIR TIGER ARE ON ANOTHER ISLAND.

EVERYBODY CALM DOWN FIRST!
SINCE FATHER AND UNCLE TIGER ARE ABSENT
I WILL TAKE CHARGE!
NING CITADEL IS AT ITS WEAKEST RIGHT NOW!
UNTIL FATHER RETURNS...
EVERYBODY MUST FOLLOW MY COMMAND!

WE...
THEN...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO RIGHT NOW?
SHOULDN'T DO ANYTHING RIGHT NOW!
WE CAN ONLY WAIT FOR THEM TO APPROACH US!

FIRE AT THE CLIFF TO OUR RIGHT SIDE!
WHY
ISN'T ANYONE WELCOMING MY RETURN TO THIS PRECIOUS LAND
AFTER SEVEN LONG YEARS?
IF SO, WE DON'T HAVE TO HOLD BACK ANY MORE!
START ATTACKING!

MY LADY!
THEY'RE ATTACKING OUR LEFT DEFENSE TOWER NOW!
IF IT CONTINUES THEY WILL BREAK THROUGH VERY QUICKLY!
MY LADY!
HAIER,
DO YOU SERIOUSLY WANT TO SURRENDER?
OF COURSE NOT!
I'M THE LAST PERSON WHO WILL FORGIVE HIM!

WHAT IS THAT?

NOW WE
STRIKE BACK!

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GENERAL!
THERE IS A SEA OF FIRE BEFORE US!
HOW PATHETIC!
IT IS ONLY A COVER TO BUY THEM SOME TIME!
GENERAL DONG!
OUR VIEWS HAVE BEEN BLOCKED, AND THE WIND IS BLOWING TOWARDS US,
IF WE DON'T STEER CLEAR, THEN THE FIRE WILL REACH OUR SHIP!

HAIER!
THIS CAN ONLY TEMPORARILY STOP THEM!
MY LADY!
THEIR WARSHIP HAS CHANGED DIRECTIONS!
EXACTLY
WE CAN'T SIMPLY DEFEND
PREPARE TO BOARD THE SHIP!
BOARD THE SHIP?
THE FLAME IS BEFORE US
THERE IS NO FIRE BENEATH THE SEA.
I KNOW THAT THERE ARE TWO PEOPLE WHO CAN DIVE UNDER THE FIRE
ONE OF THEM IS ME, AND THE OTHER ONE IS

DO WE REALLY HAVE TO SWIM BENEATH THE FIRE?
IF SOME ACCIDENTS SHOULD OCCUR...
BEFORE I TAKE YOU AS MY BRIDE, I WILL BE THE SON-IN-LAW FOR THE DRAGON KING!
RELAX!
I HEARD THAT THE DRAGON PRINCESS IS A GREAT BEAUTY
HURRY UP!
She really doesn't mind

THE RIGHT RUDDER HIT A REEF!
RETREAT TO THE LEFT!
PREPARE ALL CANNONS ON THE RIGHT SIDE!

OH NO...
THEY ARE PREPARING TO FIRE!
MICHAEL! HURRY AND BOARD THE SHIP!

READY...
MICHAEL! HELP ME!
WHO IS IT!

HMPH...
WHAT HAPPENED?

WE ARE NOT FINISHED!

SUCCESS!
NOW THEY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RETREAT!

THE CARGO ROOM IS SEVERELY DAMAGED. WE MUST RETREAT FOR NOW!
GENERAL! SOMEONE INFILTRATED OUR SHIP
AND DESTROYED ALL OF OUR GUNPOWDER AND CANNONS!
DAMN IT ALL...
FIND THAT INTRUDER!
DON'T RUN!

HAIER!
GET DOWN!
OVER THERE!
OH NO... THEY HAVE THE ENGLISH RIFLE...
IF WE JUMP INTO THE SEA, THEY WILL SNIPE AND KILL US BOTH
ONE OF US NEEDS TO DISTRACT THEM AND LET THE OTHER ESCAPE
THEN YOU LEAVE FIRST!

HAIER, YOU MUST GO!
HAIER!
DID YOU FORGET YOUR PROMISE TO LEAD NING CITADEL TO VICTORY?
DON'T JOKE AROUND! HOW CAN YOU ALONE BE A MATCH FOR THEM?
I WILL COME UP WITH A PLAN.
MICHAEL!
RELAX!
NOTHING WILL HAPPEN TO ME!
NO!
WE MUST GO TOGETHER---

I SWEAR...
THAT I WON'T FALL IN LOVE WITH THE DRAGON PRINCESS
MI...

MICHAEL!
OVER THERE!
THE GIRL PROBABLY ESCAPED ALREADY!
FORGET ABOUT HER! CATCH HIM FIRST!

IT'S OVER, MR. MICHAEL
EVEN THOUGH WE COULDN'T DEFEAT NING CITADEL THIS TIME...
CATCHING YOU...
MAKES THIS A WORTHWHILE TRIP
...?

YANG HUIYUAN!
SEE!
IS THIS...
WHAT YOU CALL THE BEST TIME TO ATTACK NING CITADEL WHEN IT IS AT ITS WEAKEST POINT?
YOU OUGHT TO EXPLAIN YOURSELF WELL.

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I SPENT NEARLY SIX YEARS...
GATHERING THE BEST CARPENTERS FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE EMPIRE TO BUILD THE MOST PERFECT WARSHIP EVER MADE
BUT JUST BECAUSE OF THAT ONE LITTLE BRAT,
I AM FORCED TO RETREAT IN DISGRACE!
HURRY AND TELL ME WHAT WENT WRONG?
YOU HAVE INDEED LOST TO THAT LITTLE GIRL YOU SPEAK OF.

SUCH AN ENORMOUS WARSHIP CANNOT ENTER NING CITADEL'S HARBOR.
THE MOMENT YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD ATTACK WITHOUT RESISTANCE, YOU ALREADY FELL INTO THE TRAP!
THEY USED MALAYSIA'S BLACK OIL AND HE WIND CURRENT TO FORCE YOUR WARSHIP TO CHANGE ITS DIRECTION.
YOUR NAVY'S INEPTITUDE CAUSED A COLLISION WITH A HIDDEN REEF,
AND YOU CAN'T EVEN KEEP SABOTEURS OUT OF YOUR WEAPON STORAGE...
ENOUGH!

IN THE END, MY ORIGINAL ADVICE IS NOT WRONG...
IT WAS THE BEST TIME TO ATTACK NING CITADEL,
EXCEPT NOW IT IS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT IT WAS SEVEN YEARS AGO.
OF COURSE IT'S DIFFERENT!
NOW I HAVE YOU AS MY SPY, DON'T I?
IF I CAN TAKE OVER NING CITADEL...
THE EMPEROR WILL CERTAINLY MAKE YOU A LORD.
WHEN THAT HAPPENS YOU WILL NO LONGER BE CONTROLLED BY NING SHENG

PLEASE HAVE SOME TEA
ISN'T TREATING A PRISONER THIS WAY...
TOO POLITE?!
AS LONG AS YOU COOPERATE WITH US,
YOU WILL BE OUR MOST HONORABLE GUEST, MR. MICHAEL.

LET ME BE BLUNT THEN...
THE MING EMPIRE WANTS YOUR NAVIGATION MAP,
AND WE ALSO NEED YOU TO TRANSLATE IT INTO CHINESE
SO YOU ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN THIS MAP?
OF COURSE! BECAUSE WE ALSO HAVE THE ABILITY TO SAIL LONG VOYAGES
THE MING EMPIRE'S WORLD MAP CAN ALSO BE EXPANDED

MY LADY!
YOU HAVE RETURNED!
THOSE NAVY SHIPS RETREATED BECAUSE OF HER!
FATHER...

I KNOW THAT I SHOULDN'T HAVE ATTACKED ON MY OWN AND GOTTEN MICHAEL CAPTURED...
BUT...
MICHAEL?
WE MUST SAVE HIM QUICKLY!
FATHER! MICHAEL IS STILL ON THE NAVY SHIP!
AND ALSO,
YOU DID WONDERFULLY!
WE WILL CERTAINLY BE ABLE TO FIND MICHAEL
HAIER,

I NOW DECLARE—
FROM TODAY ONWARD, HAIER CAN SAIL ON THE SEA IN THE FLEETING MIRAGE!
SHE HAS OFFICIALLY BECOME A LEADER OF NING CITADEL!

CHEERS TO THE FUTURE EMPRESS!
WE WILL HOLD A FEAST TONIGHT IN YOUR HONOR, AND THANK EVERYONE'S HARD WORK AS WELL!
Father...

GOOD WORK, MENTOR
IT SEEMS THAT NING CITADEL HAS GROWN RATHER TROUBLESOME TO HANDLE
I MUST DRAFT A NEW MILITARY PLAN AGAINST IT
Michael?
THAT NING BRAT MUST BE DEALT WITH ESPECIALLY!

ARE YOU HERE TO RELEASE ME?

I WILL LET YOU LEAVE IF YOU ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS.

SHAO ZHIXUN?

MICHAEL...

WHAT DOES THE GENERAL WANT FROM YOU?

HE WANTS A COPY OF THE NAVIGATION MAP IN CHINESE, SO THAT HE CAN PRESENT IT TO YOUR EMPEROR

WHAT A BRILLIANT AND LOYAL SERVANT HE IS!

WHAT?
MY GOAL IS THE SAME AS YOURS,
THAT IS, TO HELP THE PIRATES DISAPPEAR
IF I HELP THEM BUILD THEIR OWN KINGDOM,
THEN NING CITADEL WOULD NO LONGER BE LABELED AS "PIRATES".
AND WHY ARE YOU STAYING AT NING CITADEL?
WHY DIDN'T YOU GIVE HIM THE MAP?
WHAT NONSENSE ARE YOU SAYING?!
YOU ARE HELPING THEM IN A REBELLION!

AS A MERCHANT, IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY DREAM TO CREATE A PORT FOR A FREE MARKET.
I THINK THAT THEY CAN HELP ME ACHIEVE THIS DREAM, WHILE YOU CANNOT.
LORD SHAO... DO YOU EVER THINK ABOUT
WHY DO YOU WANT TO DESTROY PIRATES?
YOU ERADICATE PIRATES MERELY TO OBEY ORDERS,
BUT HAVE YOU EVER QUESTIONED WHY THE NING PIRATES SHOULD BE DESTROYED?

SO THE CONDITIONS THAT THEY GAVE YOU
IS A MERCHANT PERMIT IN A PORT?
THERE IS ALSO AN IRREPLACEABLE CONDITION
THAT IS, HAIER WILL BECOME MY WIFE

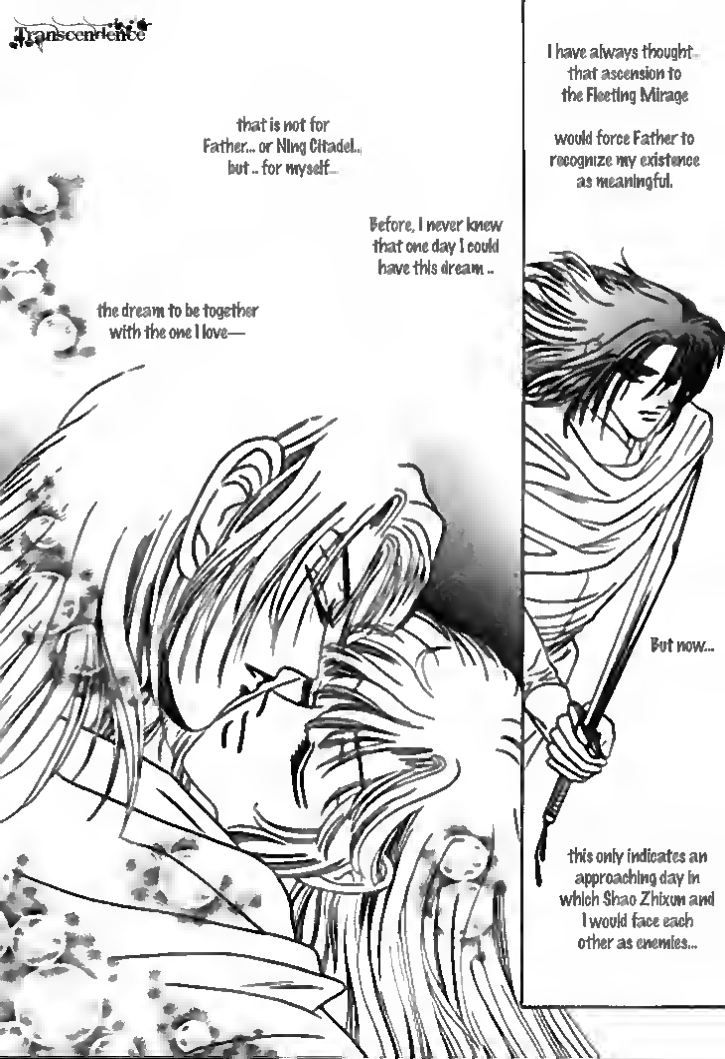
YOU ARE USING NING CITADEL TO ACCOMPLISH YOUR PERSONAL AMBITION...
YET YOU ALSO WANT TO MANIPULATE HAIER?
MANI-PULATE?
I AM TRULY IN LOVE WITH HER
He truly... loves her?
AND...
DO I SEEM LIKE AN AMBITIOUS PERSON WHO WOULD DECEIVE MAIDENS TO REACH MY GOAL?
Very firm resolve
YES!
HA...

DON'T YOU VIEW HAIER AS A PIRATE,
WHO SHOULD BE DESTROYED ALONGSIDE NING CITADEL?
EVEN SO!
IT IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
SHUO ZHIXUN?

REMEMBER THAT I HELPED YOU ESCAPE NING CITADEL BACK THEN!
HEY!
WEREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO RELEASE ME?
You just promised that you would let me leave!
When did you become so forgetful?
He doesn't remember?
—I DON'T REMEMBER IT
Ah whatever..
perhaps I should have told him about my intention to marry Haier...
after he releases me!

What Michael said are all true!
But... it doesn't matter how I view her!
I still can't forget about her completely
I shouldn't care about who loves her . and whom she loves
I shouldn't concern myself over matters related to her any more...
Don't you only view Haier as a pirate..
Even if I love Haier. It is none of your business!

CONGRATULATIONS ON ASCENDING TO THE FLEETING MIRAGE!
HAIER!
JUANJUAN
YOU MUST BE VERY EXCITED!
YOU HAVE FINALLY ACHIEVED YOUR DREAM
I KNOW THAT I SHOULD...
BUT I AM NOT HAPPY AT ALL


I have always thought..
that ascension to
the Fleeting Mirage
would force Father to
recognize my existence
as meaningful.
that is not for
Father... or Ning Citadel..
but .. for myself...
Before, I never knew
that one day I could
have this dream ..
the dream to be together
with the one I love—
But now...
this only indicates an
approaching day in
which Shao Zhixun and
I would face each
other as enemies...

ZHIXUN... DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT I SAID...
THAT IF YOUR HEART HAS EXCESSIVE EMOTIONS, IT WILL BECOME YOUR WEAKNESS
I KNOW. READY.
I, AS YOUR MENTOR, WILL DO MY BEST TO ERASE THAT OBSTACLE IN YOUR HEART.
IN CONSIDERATION OF YOUR FUTURE.
THAT THE CURRENT OBSTACLE IN YOUR HEART IS THAT LITTLE GIRL FROM NING CITADEL!
Ning Haiert
TO PROVE YOUR LOYALTY TO THE EMPIRE,
TO ENSURE PEACE IN THE SOUTHERN SEA, TO EASE THE SHAME YOUR MENTOR FEELS
AND TO HELP YOURSELF—

NEXT TIME WHEN I SEE SHAO ZHIXUN, I WILL CERTAINLY TELL HIM THIS
SO JUANJUAN .... I NOW HAVE A NEW DREAM...
BRING ME NING HAIER'S HEAD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

HAVE YOU EVER QUESTIONED... WHY THE NING PIRATES SHOULD BE DESTROYED?
YES, SIR!
How I have loved you so...
YOU ARE MERELY OBEYING ORDERS..
KILL HER!
WHY DO YOU WANT TO DESTROY PIRATES?
DO YOU UNDERSTAND? ZHIXUN!

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GUARDIAN ANGEL
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ROY HAS BEEN AT HERE FOR SOME TIME NOW, JUST FOLLOWING AFTER MICHAEL
BECAUSE SHE CAN'T SPEAK CHINESE, SHE BARELY TALKS TO OTHER PEOPLE
SHE MUST REALLY RELY ON AND LOVE MICHAEL
TO BE ABLE TO ENDURE EVERYTHING AND STAY HERE.
AND NOW, I CAUSED MICHAEL TO BE CAPTURED BY THE NAVY.
SHE MUST REALLY HATE ME!

Michael...
SHE'S ONLY VERY WORRIED ABOUT MICHAEL
I ALREADY TOLD HER THE GENERAL SITUATION IN HER LANGUAGE
has such a gorgeous lady in love with him
Why does he still say that he wants to marry me?
If her back had a pair of wings ..
she really will be a living angel...
DO YOU KNOW? MY LADY, ROY SAID...
EH?
THAT MICHAEL HAS AN ANGEL'S NAME!

The name "Michael" belongs to one of the archangels.
He is a courageous angel who fights, mainly against evil and darkness.
He appears as a warrior with a pair of powerful and righteous wings. He is a guardian angel who protects people on Earth.
Most of my warrior angel collections are copies of Michael.

Hm
MY LADY, SHE SAID...
TO GIVE THIS TO THE NAVY,
PERHAPS IT CAN BE USED TO EXCHANGED FOR MICHAEL.

A guardian angel... who protects people on Earth...

Hm
ISN'T THIS THE ANGEL NECKLACE WITH ROSE'S ENGRAVING?
WHY

THIS IS...
THIS IS THE NAVIGATION MAP THAT MICHAEL SPEAKS OF!
ROY SAID SHE KNOWS THAT THE CHINESE EMPIRE ALSO WANTS THIS MAP...
SO WE CAN USE IT TO EXCHANGE FOR MICHAEL
...NO...
HUOYE, TELL HER...
THAT THIS IS MICHAEL'S DREAM. IT CAN'T BE EASILY GIVEN AWAY TO OTHER PEOPLE...
IF MICHAEL GAVE HER SUCH AN IMPORTANT ITEM FOR SAFEKEEPING, SHE SHOULD PROTECT IT WELL...

To me,
Michael is..?
SHE SAID,
THAT THERE ISN'T ANYTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN MICHAEL.
EVEN IF WE GIVE THEM THE MAP, THEY STILL WON'T RELEASE HIM
THAT THE MAP IS NOTHING IN COMPARISON TO MICHAEL
MICHAEL ISN'T IMPORTANT TO YOU!
THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T WANT TO SAVE HIM..
WHAT NON-SENSE!
HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT I DON'T WANT TO SAVE HIM?
TO ME, MICHAEL IS... HE IS...

From my initial meeting with Michael...
He explained to me what love was when I only half understood it
He can always see through my problems and give me comfort...
Even knowing that I'm in love with someone else...
he was still willing to love me with everything he had..
Michael, he...
He was willing to accompany me whether in life or in death
He protects me regardless of the consequences...

ROY, I'M JUST AS WORRIED AS YOU ARE ABOUT MICHAEL
I WILL DEFINITELY SAVE HIM,
BECAUSE TO ME,
HE IS MY GUARDIAN ANGEL.
He will just be like the Archangel Michael, and continue to make the correct choices... he certainly won't submit to Hua Dong
NO MISFORTUNE WILL BEFALL HIM BEFORE HE CAN FULFILL HIS DREAM
I BELIEVE THAT HE WILL QUICKLY RETURN TO US!

ICY...
SO YOU STILL DON'T WANT TO EAT FOOD FROM MY HANDS?
YOU ARE STILL UNABLE TO FORGET MADAM NING...
I KNOW THAT YOU STILL DON'T LIKE ME...
BUT I CAN AT LEAST TALK TO YOU NOW...

EVEN THOUGH SHUIYUN WARNED ME ABOUT YOUR FEROCITY,
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO IS WILLING TO QUIETLY LISTEN TO ME...
HUSBAND NEVER PAYS ANY ATTENTION TO ME...
I DON'T BLAME HIM...
SINCE I WAS USELESS TO NING CITADEL DURING THE INVASION A WHILE BACK...
OR SHOULD I SAY... I WILL BE USELESS IN THE FUTURE AS WELL...
SO I START TO MISS FATHER, BROTHER, AND NANNY...
I WONDER HOW THEY ARE DOING...
IS THIS THE FEELING OF MARRIAGE*?
I FEEL SO LONELY...
HAHA! I VOWED TO NEVER GIVE UP!
I WILL DEFINITELY TRAIN MYSELF TO BE MORE LIKE A MEMBER OF NING CITADEL...

*A/N: TRADITIONALLY, WOMEN LEAVE THEIR OLD HOME AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE AND JOIN THEIR HUSBANDS' HOUSEHOLD. THE WOMEN NORMALLY DO NOT RETURN HOME OR SEE THEIR RELATIVES UNLESS THEY ARE DIVORCED OR WIDOWED

YOU! WANT ME TO ACCOMPANY UNCLE TIGER TO WHITE STAR ISLAND?
GO AND BARTER FOR WEAPONS
ALSO
BRING THAT SHAO GIRL ALONG TOO!
BRING JUANJUAN
WITH US?

Does Father want me to cheer Juan-Juan up?
WOW!
HOW LIVELY!
NORMALLY, WHITE STAR ISLAND IS DESERTED,
BUT ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF EVERY MONTH, MANY MERCHANTS, PIRATES AND FISHERMEN GATHER HERE.
SINCE THIS AREA ISN'T CONTROLLED BY THE GOVERNMENT THESE PEOPLE CAN TRADE FREELY.
FREE TRADE?

DO YOU LIKE IT?
I HAVE MANY MORE FOR YOU TO SEE!
WOW!
WHAT AN EXQUISITE IVORY COMB!
HAVE FUN! FATHER WANTED ME TO BRING YOU HERE!
Husband..
THAT'S FINE. I WILL TAKE THIS ONE
THANK YOU
HEY!
YOU DIDN'T PAY ME YET!

SILVER?
WHAT IS SILVER? I HAVE NEVER SEEN ONE!
EH?
YOU KNOW, GOLD, SILVER, AND COPPER COINS!
THIS COSTS THREE SILVER. HURRY UP AND PAY!
MONEY?
YOU—
JUANJUAN!
AH!
YOU DARE TO CHEAT ME OF MY BUSINESS?!
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO OFFEND A TRADER OF WHITE STAR ISLAND?
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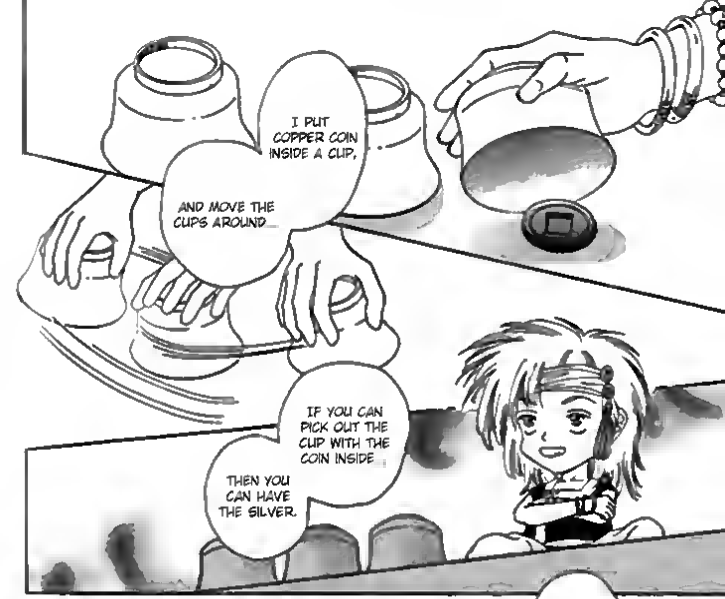
NING CITADEL ALSO RESPECTS THIS
OR ELSE THEY CAN'T TRADE ANY MORE ON THIS ISLAND
EVERYONE MUST ACT PROPERLY AND NOT CAUSE TROUBLE ON WHITE STAR ISLAND,
AND I SEE THAT YOU DON'T PAY SILVER EITHER WHEN YOU TAKE THINGS!
IF I WANTED SOMETHING, I JUST TELL NANNY...
BECAUSE WE ROB OTHER PEOPLE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT..
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT YOU HAVE TO PAY MONEY WHEN YOU BUY THINGS?
Silver!
Silver!
Silver!
WOW! WHAT A BEAUTIFUL ANGEL FIGURINE...
THAT'S RIGHT
IF YOU LIKE SOMETHING, JUST TELL ME
JUANJUAN?
SO...
WHEN I SEE SOMETHING I LIKE ON THIS ISLAND, I HAVE TO USE SILVER TO EXCHANGE FOR IT?

HELLO.
EH? THOSE MUST BE SILVER!
I just saw Hisen with them.
WHERE CAN I FIND SILVER?
EH?
EXCUSE ME.
CAN I HAVE THESE SILVER?
DO YOU HAVE TREASURE TO EXCHANGE?
EXCHANGE? DON'T YOU USE SILVER TO EXCHANGE FOR OTHER THINGS?
WHY DO I NEED TREASURE TO EXCHANGE FOR SILVER?
IT'S OKAY IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO EXCHANGE,
JUST PLAY A GAME WITH ME!


I PUT COPPER COIN INSIDE A CUP,
AND MOVE THE CUPS AROUND...
IF YOU CAN PICK OUT THE CUP WITH THE COIN INSIDE...
THEN YOU CAN HAVE THE SILVER.

I SAW IT VERY CLEARLY THE COPPER COIN IS INSIDE THIS CUP!
ARE YOU SURE?

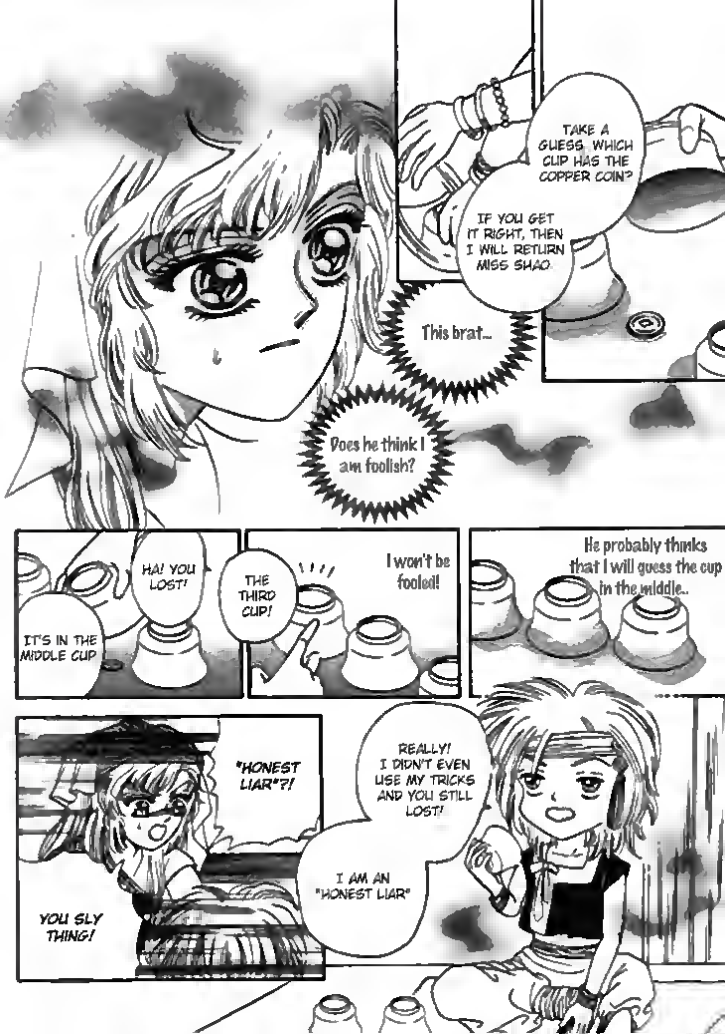
DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A GUESS?
IF YOU GUESS WRONG, THEN YOU HAVE TO STAY HERE!

ISN'T THIS TOO EASY?
I KNOW WHERE THE COPPER COIN IS!

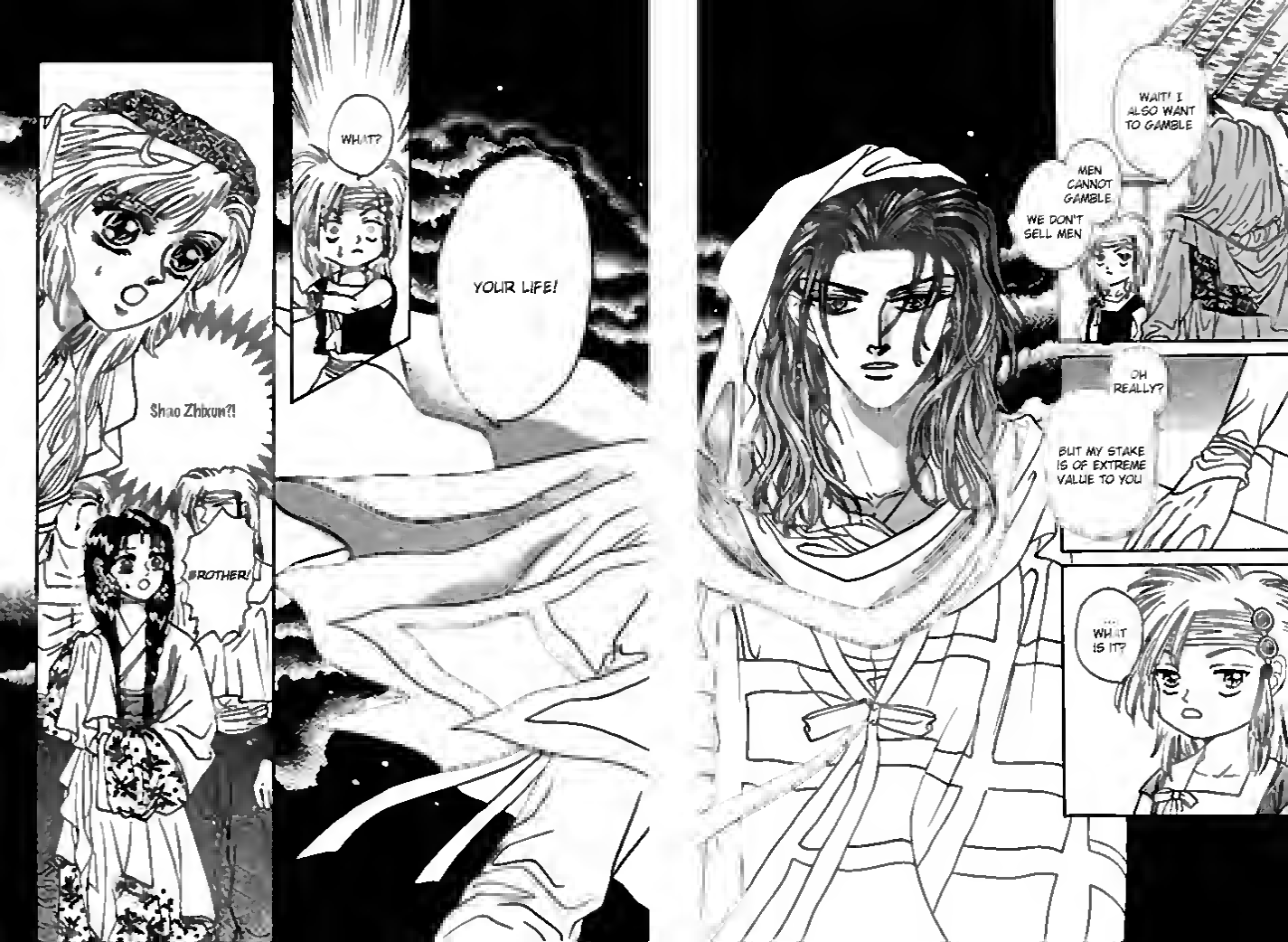
SORRY...
BUT YOU LOST...
WOW! YOU ARE IMPRESSIVE!
THE COIN IS INSIDE ANOTHER CUP...
SO YOU KNOW MAGIC!
ACCORDING TO OUR AGREEMENT, YOU HAVE TO STAY...
BUT TOO BAD I CAN'T STAY HERE AND CHAT WITH YOU...
GOODBYE
Chat with me?
SEIZE HER!
She really doesn't know the consequences...
YOU...!

LET GO OF HER!
WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT HAPPENED?
JUANJUAN GAMBLED AND LOST?
IMPOSSIBLE! SHE WOULD NEVER.
WHAT?
IT'S TRUE. SHE JUST LOST HERSELF
SHE HAS TO STAY ACCORDING TO OUR AGREEMENT

SO YOU ARE A LYING SLAVE TRADER!
DO YOU KNOW WHO SHAO JUANJUAN IS? YOU DARE TO...
SHAO JUAN-JUAN...
HM...SHE IS INDEED DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS...
Oh no! I can't say Juan-Juan's name so casually!
NO ONE ELSE IS AS NAIVE AS SHE IS.
She is indeed unique.
WELL...
IN ANY CASE, RELEASE HER!
LITTLE BRAT!
WOAH!
DON'T... DON'T BE SO ANGRY...
WHY DON'T YOU ALSO GIVE IT A TRY!


TAKE A GUESS. WHICH CUP HAS THE COPPER COIN?
IF YOU GET IT RIGHT, THEN I WILL RETURN MISS SHAO.
This brat...
Does he think I am foolish?
HA! YOU LOST!
IT'S IN THE MIDDLE CUP.
THE THIRD CUP!
I won't be fooled!
He probably thinks that I will guess the cup in the middle..
"HONEST LIAR"?!
YOU SLY THING!
REALLY! I DIDN'T EVEN USE MY TRICKS AND YOU STILL LOST!
I AM AN "HONEST LIAR"

IF YOU LOSE, YOU LOSE!
YOU MUST PLAY BY THE RULES!
HOW CAN THIS THING RESTRAIN ME...
!
THE LEATHER ROPE WAS SOAKED IN WATER, SO IT WILL TIGHTEN IMMEDIATELY.
HAIER!
YOU CANNOT ESCAPE!
UGH...
TAKE THEM ALL AWAY!


Shao Zhixun?!
BROTHER!
WHAT?
YOUR LIFE!
WAIT! I ALSO WANT TO GAMBLE
MEN CANNOT GAMBLE
WE DON'T SELL MEN
OH REALLY?
BUT MY STAKE IS OF EXTREME VALUE TO YOU
... WHAT IS IT?

HUNGARY
ROMANIA
OMAN

NEXT VOLUME
WITH THE APPEARANCE OF ARCHENEMY, HUA DONG
POSES A DIRE THREAT TO NING CITADEL?
CAN SHAO ZHIXUN
SAVE HAIER AND JUANJUAN FROM DANGER ON WHITE STAR ISLAND?
El espíritu del mar
BANGLADESH